



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1136

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioners of
2 Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families and
3 Social Services, in consultation with the Behavioral Health Partnership
4 Oversight Council, established pursuant to section 17a-22j of the
5 general statutes, shall establish and implement a regional behavioral
6 health consultation and care coordination program for primary care
7 providers who serve children. Such program shall provide to such
8 primary care providers: (1) Timely access to a consultation team that
9 includes a child psychiatrist, social worker and a care coordinator; (2)
10 patient care coordination and transitional services for behavioral
11 health care; and (3) training and education concerning patient access to
12 behavioral health services. Said commissioners may enter into a
13 contract for services to administer such program.

14 (b) Not later than October 1, 2013, said commissioners shall jointly
15 submit a plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
16 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health,
18 children, human services and appropriations concerning the program
19 to be established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such plan
20 shall include, but not be limited to, a timeline for implementing such

21 program.

22 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families may adopt
23 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
24 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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